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1. Purpose. This regulation establishes the command responsibilities and administrative procedures for enlisting male civilian persons in the Regular Army for the specific purpose of entering Officer Candidate School. The OCS option is designed to supplement other sources of male OCS applicants. This regulation prescribes the additional requirements and procedures, other than those specified in AR 350-50, which are applicable to applicants for this option.

2. Courses available. *a.* The following Officer Candidate Courses are currently available:

Branch	School	Time required to complete
Infantry.....	U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.	23
Artillery.....	U.S. Army Artillery and Missile School, Fort Sill, Okla.	23
Engineer.....	U.S. Army Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va.	23
Signal.....	U.S. Army Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga.	23
Branch Immaterial*	U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.	22

*This training will be conducted in two phases consisting of:
Phase I: 13 weeks of branch immaterial training at the U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.
Phase II: 9 weeks of branch material training at one of the following:
 U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.
 U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.
 U.S. Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Va.
 U.S. Army Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Va.

b. Applicants who enlist for Artillery OCS will, prior to entry into OCS, attend basic combat training at the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Advanced Individual Training in MOS 13E Field Artillery Operations and Intelligence Assistant at the U.S. Army Training Center, Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Okla. Applicants who enlist for Infantry OCS will, prior to entry into OCS, attend basic combat training and advanced individual training in MOS 11B, Light Weapons Infantryman, at the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Gordon, Ga. Applicants enlisting for Engineer, Signal, or Branch Immaterial OCS will, prior to entry into OCS, attend basic combat training and advanced individual training in MOS 11B, Light Weapons Infantryman, at either the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Gordon, Ga., or the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Jackson, S.C.

c. Officer Candidate School graduates who are assigned to duty with a branch of service other than that represented by the Officer Candidate School will be required to attend a basic officer course conducted by the branch to which assigned.

3. Responsibility. The Commanding General, USCONARC is responsible for the operation of this program. The Commanding General, United States Army Recruiting Command will take appropriate action to insure a vigorous program for the recruitment of officer candidate school applicants from civilian life. Professors of Military Science at Army ROTC institutions will conduct active recruiting campaigns among senior class students for the OCS Enlistment Option during the period through 30 June 1967. The Army Recruiting Service will provide such assistance in

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this effort as may be requested by the Professors of Military Science.

4. Eligibility requirements. Applicants for enlistment under this program must—

a. Meet the eligibility requirements of AR 601-210 and AR 350-50, and this regulation. Where different criteria or requirements are established by these regulations the provisions of AR 601-226 will apply.

b. Be a United States citizen.

c. Have a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university recognized by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Office of Education, as listed in Part 3, Education Directory, Higher Education, except that students in their senior year may submit applications at any time during the senior year. These applications will show the anticipated date of graduation in the "Remarks" section. Upon receipt of application, these applicants will be processed as college graduates; however, they will not be enlisted until documentary evidence has been submitted showing that they have been awarded their degrees. Such documentary evidence will be returned to the individual and will not be a part of his enlistment file.

d. Be at least 18 years of age and must not have passed his 27th birthday at time of enlistment.

e. Enlist in the Regular Army for a 2-year period.

f. Successfully complete basic combat and advanced individual training prior to entry in OCS.

5. Counseling OCS applicants. Each applicant for this option will be provided a copy of DA Pam 20-18 "Take Command—Apply for OCS" and the United States Army Recruiting Command Officer Candidate School option fact sheet "How Tough is Rough?" (RPI 112). Recruiting personnel and OCS Examining Boards will insure that applicants are completely aware of the nature of the challenge which confronts them. Care must be exercised to insure that each applicant realizes that during the period between the date of his enlistment and the date of his scheduled graduation from OCS, he will undergo approximately 9 months of intensive training. He must be made to realize that the training has been specifically designed to place him under physical, mental, and emotional pressure to simulate, as closely as possible, the stress and fatigue of combat.

6. Submission of applications. Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements will submit application on DA Form 61 (Application for Appointment), in triplicate, to the nearest U.S. Army Recruiting Main Station.

7. Physical fitness test. The physical fitness test will not be administered prior to appearance before the OCS examining board. However, successful completion of the physical fitness test prior to graduation from the OCS course of instruction is a mandatory prerequisite to commissioning.

8. Processing by recruiting main station commanders. Recruiting main station commanders will take the following action:

a. Have administrative personnel assist the applicant in preparing forms listed in paragraphs 27*a*, *b*, and *d*(3) and (5), AR 350-50. Documentary evidence of date of birth and highest level of education attained is required.

b. Instruct applicant to complete single copy of DA Form 3027WS (U.S. Army Request for National Agency Check (Worksheet)). The DA Form 3027WS will be included with the documents forwarded under the provisions of paragraph 11*d*. Orders issued by Recruiting Main Stations will include a requirement that a National Agency Check be initiated for these individuals immediately upon their reporting for duty at a basic training activity.

c. Review the application to determine whether the applicant is qualified under this regulation.

d. Discuss the application and Officer Candidate Program with the applicant to insure he is cognizant of the nature of Officer Candidate School training and the responsibilities which are assumed by commissioned officers.

e. Arrange for necessary testing. If the applicant fails any one of these tests, he will be disqualified immediately. Tests will be administered in the following sequence:

(1) AFQT (applicant must achieve a percentile score of 65 or greater).

(*a*) When testing on college campuses with the Reserve Component Edition of the AFQT (AFQT-5B and AFQT-6B) is authorized by separate DA directives, retest at AFES with the current active Army edition of the AFQT is not required.

(*b*) On-campus testing, when authorized, will be conducted by testing personnel who are fully qualified and equipped to administer, score, and provide security for such tests in accordance with applicable regulations.

(2) AQB (applicant must achieve a GT Aptitude Area score of 110 or higher and this score will be entered under "Remarks" in first indorsement of DA Form 61).

(3) Officer Candidate Test (OCT). (A standard score of at least 115 must be attained and this score will be entered under "Remarks" in first indorsement of DA Form 61.) When administration of this test on college campuses is authorized, the provisions of *e*(1)(*b*) above, apply.

(4) Applicant must be found medically qualified in accordance with provisions outlined in paragraph 20, AR 350-50.

(5) Medical examination, SF 88 and SF 89,

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will be forwarded with the individual to his first duty station. Assignment orders will specify that enlisted man is a selected OCS candidate and indicate the Officer Candidate School and the date he is scheduled to attend.

12. Waivers. The waiver provisions set forth in AR 350-50, as appropriate will be applied to applicants for enlistment under this option. However, requests for waiver of the requirements set forth in paragraphs 4 *b*, *c*, *e*, and *f*; and 8*e* (1), (2), and (3) of this regulation will not be made. Recruiting district commanders may forward requests for which approval is recommended direct to The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPB-O, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20315.

13. Control of class input. Department of the

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Army will allocate bulk OCS class training spaces for this option to the Commanding General, USCONARC. Commanding General, USCONARC will allocate training spaces to United States Army Recruiting Command for suballocation to the Recruiting Districts.

14. Procedure at Officer Candidate Schools. The provisions of section VI, AR 350-50, except paragraphs 49 and 59*f*, will apply.

15. Recruiting Progress Report (RCS AG-54 (R4)). Enlistment of prior service and nonprior service personnel under this regulation will be reported in accordance with instructions contained in AR 601-285. (Credit will be given to the recruiter responsible for each enlistment under this program.)

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